

NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION[571]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)"b."

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 455A.5(6), the Natural Resource Commission hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 61, "State Parks and Recreation Areas," Iowa Administrative Code.

The proposed amendments update the camping fee breakdown to accommodate the state sales tax increase to 6 percent (no fee increase); establish new cabin rental fees for new cabins which are under construction at Pine Lake, Nine Eagles and Springbrook State Parks; and increase the camping cabin fee at Pleasant Creek State Recreation Area to the same fee as other state park camping cabins. The amendments also establish minimum stay requirements for the multifamily cabins, including a two-night minimum stay requirement throughout the year, a Friday/Saturday stay requirement for summer season weekends, and a three-night stay requirement for Memorial Day weekend, Fourth of July weekend, and Labor Day weekend.

Any interested person may make written suggestions or comments on the proposed amendments on or before February 17, 2009. Such written material should be directed to the State Parks Bureau, Department of Natural Resources, 502 East Ninth Street, Wallace State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0034; fax (515)281-6794. Persons who wish to convey their views orally should contact the Bureau at (515)242-6233 or at the State Parks Bureau offices on the fourth floor of the Wallace State Office Building.

There will be a public hearing on February 17, 2009, at 10 a.m. in the Fourth Floor East Conference Room in the Wallace State Office Building, at which time persons may present their views orally or in writing. At the hearing, persons will be asked to give their names and addresses for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of the amendments.

Any persons who intend to attend the public hearing and have special requirements, such as those related to hearing or mobility impairments, should contact the Department of Natural Resources and advise of specific needs.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code sections 461A.3, 461A.47, and 461A.57.

The following amendments are proposed.

ITEM 1. Amend subrule 61.4(1) as follows:

61.4(1) Fees. The following are maximum per-night fees for camping in state parks and recreation areas. The fees may be reduced or waived by the director for special events or special promotional efforts sponsored by the department of natural resources. Special events or promotional efforts shall be conducted so as to give all park facility users equal opportunity to take advantage of reduced or waived fees. Reductions or waivers shall be on a statewide basis covering like facilities. In the case of promotional events, prizes shall be awarded by random drawing of registrations made available to all park visitors during the event. In areas subject to a local option sales tax, the camping fee shall be administratively adjusted so that persons camping in those areas will pay the same total cost applicable in other areas.

| | Fee | Sales Tax | Total Per Night |
|--|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| <i>a.</i> The following fees shall be in effect from May 1 to September 30 each year. | | | |
| Nonmodern | \$ 8.57 <u>8.49</u> | .43 <u>.51</u> | \$ 9.00 |
| Modern | 40.48 <u>10.38</u> | .52 <u>.62</u> | 11.00 |
| <i>b.</i> The following fees shall be in effect from October 1 to April 30 each year. | | | |
| Nonmodern | 5.74 <u>5.66</u> | .29 <u>.34</u> | 6.00 |
| Modern | 7.62 <u>7.55</u> | .38 <u>.45</u> | 8.00 |
| <i>c.</i> Electricity | 4.76 <u>4.72</u> | .24 <u>.28</u> | 5.00 |
| This fee will be charged in addition to the camping fee on sites where electricity is available (whether it is used or not). | | | |
| <i>d.</i> Organized youth group campsite, per group | 44.29 <u>14.15</u> | .74 <u>.85</u> | 15.00 |
| <i>e.</i> Cable television hookup | 4.90 <u>1.89</u> | .10 <u>.11</u> | 2.00 |
| <i>f.</i> Sewer and water hookup | 2.85 <u>2.83</u> | .15 <u>.17</u> | 3.00 |
| <i>g.</i> Additional fee for campgrounds designated for equestrian use | 2.85 <u>2.83</u> | .15 <u>.17</u> | 3.00 |
| This fee is in addition to applicable fees listed above. | | | |
| <i>h.</i> Camping tickets (per book of seven) | 86.67 <u>85.85</u> | 4.33 <u>5.15</u> | 91.00 |

Camping tickets shall be valid for one year from the month of purchase. Persons using valid camping tickets purchased prior to any fee increase will not be required to pay the difference due to that fee increase.

ITEM 2. Amend paragraph **61.5(1)“a”** as follows:

- a.* Cabin rental. This fee does not include tax. Tax will be calculated at time of final payment.

| | Per Night* | Per Week |
|---|------------|-------------|
| Backbone State Park, Delaware County | | |
| Renovated modern cabins | \$ 50 | \$300 |
| Two-bedroom modern cabins | 85 | 510 |
| Deluxe cabins | 100 | 600 |
| Black Hawk State Park, Sac County | 100 | 600 |
| Dolliver Memorial State Park, Webster County | 35 | 210 |
| Green Valley State Park, Union County | 35 | 210 |
| Honey Creek State Park, Appanoose County | 35 | 210 |
| Lacey-Keosauqua State Park, Van Buren County | 50 | 300 |
| Lake Darling State Park, Washington County | 35 | 210 |
| Lake of Three Fires State Park, Taylor County | 50 | 300 |
| Lake Wapello State Park, Davis County (Cabin Nos. 1-12) | 60 | 360 |
| Lake Wapello State Park, Davis County (Cabin No. 13) | 85 | 510 |
| Lake Wapello State Park, Davis County (Cabin No. 14) | 75 | 450 |
| <u>Nine Eagles State Park, Decatur County</u> | <u>75</u> | <u>450</u> |
| Palisades-Kepler State Park, Linn County | 50 | 300 |
| Pine Lake State Park, Hardin County | | |
| <u>Multifamily cabin</u> | <u>200</u> | <u>1200</u> |
| Studio cabins (four-person occupancy limit) | 65 | 390 |

| | Per Night* | Per Week |
|---|-------------------|---------------------|
| One-bedroom cabins | 75 | 450 |
| Pleasant Creek State Recreation Area, Linn County | 25 35 | 150 210 |
| Prairie Rose State Park, Shelby County | 35 | 210 |
| Springbrook State Park, Guthrie County | 35 200 | 210 1200 |
| Stone State Park, Woodbury County | 35 | 210 |
| Waubonsie State Park, Fremont County | | |
| Two-bedroom modern cabins | 85 | 510 |
| One-bedroom modern cabin cabins | 60 | 360 |
| Two-bedroom camping cabins | 50 | 300 |
| One-bedroom camping cabin cabins | 35 | 210 |
| Camping cabin | 25 | 150 |
| Wilson Island State Recreation Area, Pottawattamie County | 25 | 150 |
| Extra cots, where available | 1 | |
| *Minimum two nights | | |

ITEM 3. Amend paragraph **61.5(3)“b”** as follows:

b. Rental stay requirements for cabins and yurts.

(1) Except as provided in ~~subparagraph~~ subparagraphs 61.5(3)“*b*”(2) and 61.5(3)“*b*”(3), cabin reservations must be for a minimum of one week (Friday p.m. to Friday a.m.) beginning the Friday of the national Memorial Day holiday weekend through Thursday after the national Labor Day holiday. From the Friday after the national Labor Day holiday through the Thursday before the national Memorial Day holiday weekend, cabins may be reserved for a minimum of two nights.

(2) The cabins at Dolliver Memorial State Park; the camping cabins at ~~Brushy Creek~~, Pleasant Creek and Wilson Island State Recreation Areas and Green Valley, Honey Creek, Lake Darling and Stone State Parks; the yurts at McIntosh Woods State Park; and the group camps at Dolliver Memorial and Lake Keomah State Parks may be reserved for a minimum of two nights throughout the entire rental season.

(3) The multifamily cabins at Pine Lake and Springbrook State Parks may be reserved for a minimum of two nights throughout the entire rental season with the following exceptions:

1. From the Friday of the national Memorial Day holiday weekend through the Thursday after the national Labor Day holiday, a Friday and Saturday night stay is required for weekends.

2. A Friday, Saturday, and Sunday night stay is required for the national Memorial Day holiday and national Labor Day holiday weekends.

3. A Thursday, Friday, and Saturday night stay is required for the Fourth of July holiday if the Fourth of July occurs on a Thursday, Friday or Saturday.

4. A Friday, Saturday, and Sunday night stay is required for the Fourth of July holiday if the Fourth of July occurs on a Monday.

~~(3)~~ (4) All unreserved cabins, yurts and group camps may be rented for a minimum of two nights on a walk-in, first-come, first-served basis. No walk-in rentals will be permitted after 6 p.m.

~~(4)~~ (5) Reservations or walk-in rentals for more than a two-week stay will not be accepted for any facility.